

charging desk, the non-fiction stacks, new books, reference books, the children's room, and current periodicals and newspapers. On the second floor is the office of the librarian, the processing room, the fiction stacks, and the genealogy room. The basement of the building is used to house the bookmobile, old periodical files, and the phonograph record collection.

Collection

The library has a catalogued collection of approximately 36,000 books, which represents less than one book per person in the county. In addition to the catalogued collection, the library also rents 50 books a month from a rental circulating library. These books, which are current best sellers, are circulated in the same manner as all other books. The library also maintains and has available to the public 32 regular periodicals, 4 regular newspapers, a reading rateometer, 171 maps, a phonograph and records, a tape recorder and tapes, a microfilm reader and a movie projector. Microfilm (primarily for use in the genealogy room) and educational and children's movies are borrowed from the State.

Bookmobile

To insure that all citizens may enjoy the educational and cultural opportunities of the library, a bookmobile is utilized throughout the county, serving the rural areas and the country schools. The volumes carried by the bookmobile are periodically changed for others and special requests for particular books are fulfilled.

The following table gives some indication of how the Haywood County Library is functioning with regard to other library systems. A quick glance shows that the Haywood County system compares quite favorably with the other libraries.